

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
In re the Application of)
HEGER et al.) BOX PCT

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International Application)
PCT/EP 99/09545)

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Filed: December 7, 1999)

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For: NANOPARTICULATE CORE/SHELL SYSTEMS AND THE USE THEREOF IN
PHARMACEUTICAL AND COSMETIC PREPARATIONS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as shown in the attached sheet.

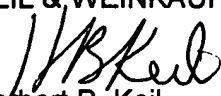
REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency and to put them in better form for U.S. filing. No new matter is included. A clean copy of the claims is attached.

Favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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